



Paula M. Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director

Paula Parker-Sawyers was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to lead the new Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Prior to joining the Daniels administration, Ms. Parker-Sawyers was the Associate Director of the Polis Center at IUPUI. She has also served as the Director of Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation's Friendly Access Program, a national pilot focused on providing quality service, with dignity and respect, to under-served persons seeking healthcare in an effort to improve their health outcomes. Before joining Health and Hospital, Ms. Parker-Sawyers was a Special Assistant to the Chancellor at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), the Director of the Office of Neighborhood Resources at IUPUI and the Director of Leadership Works, a board training program at the IU Center on Philanthropy. While on staff at the IU Center, she was the executive director of the Association of Black Foundation Executives. Ms. Parker-Sawyers held positions in both the public and private sector. She was the Charitable Contributions Officer and Director of Community Relations at The Associated Group (Anthem, Blue Cross & Blue Shield), Director of Communications at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Indiana, and Operations Manager at Browning Investments. Her public sector positions included serving as Deputy Mayor of the City of Indianapolis and being

elected to the Indianapolis City-County Council for eight years. She is very involved in the philanthropic community in Indianapolis. Ms. Parker-Sawyers graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and received her Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in non-profit management from Indiana University as well. She is a life long resident of Indianapolis, is married and the mother of three children.

Responsibilities: Governor's liaison, Commission/Advisory Board

Cecelia A. Johnson-Powell, Deputy Director

Ms. Johnson-Powell brings 14 years experience in the nonprofit sector to the Deputy Director position at OFBCI, specifically in fund development, the grant allocations process, program design and evaluation, project management, and initiative development. Prior to joining OFBCI, Ms. Johnson-Powell served as Senior Community Planner with United Way of Central Indiana, where she administered \$5.8 million in annual allocations for children and youth programs, projects and initiatives, and worked to improve the lives of children and youth through community collaborations, staff development, and volunteer management. Her recent accomplishments include planning and implementing Success By 6, the first comprehensive early childhood initiative in central Indiana and developing United Way's first donor-advised fund, "Childcare for Working Families.' She has served on national advisory committees and work groups with a variety of organizations and institutions, including the Academy of Educational Development and National League of Cities (Washington, D.C.), KnowledgeWorks Foundation (Cleveland, Ohio), Lilly Endowment and Central Indiana Community Foundation (Indianapolis). She is an Annie E. Casey Foundation Community Leadership Fellow at Harvard University and an alumnus of the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Association. Ms. Johnson has a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) and is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Philanthropy program at IUPUI. Ms. Johnson-Powell and her spouse, Richard Powell, Jr., live in Indianapolis and have two children: Jared Johnson, 24 and Adrienne Johnson, 17.

Responsibilities: Program design and management; staff development; resource development.

Carey W. Craig, Chief Financial Officer

As a public servant and citizen, Carey W. Craig does his best to live out Gandhi's mantra to "be the change you wish to see." As a graduate of the University of Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science, Mr. Craig began his tenure with the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism as a program officer in 2000 and later became the agency's deputy director in 2002. Most recently, he assumed the title of chief financial officer for the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Aside from a brief stint with a national faith-based organization, Mr. Craig has spent seven of the last eight years of his career in state government, where he began as a Governor's Fellow in 1997. Mr. Craig is active in historic preservation and community development causes in Franklin. He resides there with his wife Christy and their son, Parker.

Responsibilities: Fiscal administration, human resource management, grantee oversight and accountability, administrative standards.

Erin Wright, Senior Program Officer

Prior to relocating to Indiana, she spent six and a half years in the nonprofit sector, working in planning, program design, and project and grants management. Her primary focus for the past fifteen years has been older adults and issues related to aging, gaining experience in a variety of areas including direct care, nursing home administration, and home and community-based services. Ms. Wright graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio with a degree in management and received her Master's in Gerontological Studies from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She resides in Westfield with her husband Jeff and dog Walter.

Responsibilities: AmeriCorps Program Development and Management, Faith-Based Barriers Assessment Project

John Rentsch, Training Manager

John Rentsch graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Wabash College with a BA in Religious Studies in 2005. Upon graduating, he entered the AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Program, taking the position of Faith-Based Program Assistant with OFBCI. After successful completion of one year of national service, John joined the staff as Training Manager on July 31st. John lives on the south side of Indianapolis with his new wife, Melanie.

Responsibilities: Training and technical assistance

David J. Liebel, Marketing and Outreach Manager

With a history of administering international, national, and local faith-based programs, David Liebel is well-prepared for his new role as the faith-based program officer at the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. An Indiana Wesleyan University graduate, Mr. Liebel has managed the operations for a highly successful inner-city start up school, the Oaks Academy. He has served as the director for global missions at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and worked most recently with USAffairs/Romania Ministries where he coordinated partnerships between churches in the two nations with a specific focus on institutional growth and social service delivery.

Responsibilities: Outreach, capacity building, assessments

Charles (Chuck) Templin, Account and Compliance Officer

Charles (Chuck) Templin joined OFBCI as the Contract Compliance Officer. He has served the State of Indiana for approximately four years in the Family Social Services Administration and the Department of Workforce Development. During previous employment in the private sector, Chuck worked for ten years in finance and accounting and approximately 20 years in various human resources management positions. Chuck holds a BS degree in business from the University of Kentucky, a BS degree in accounting from Sinclair College (Ohio), an MBA degree from the University of Dayton, and a master of public administration degree also from the University of Dayton. Chuck and his wife Cindy are parents to five grown children and they currently have nine grandchildren.

Responsibilities: Auditing and Review

Janet Simpson, Administrative Assistant

In February 2006, Janet joined the OFBCI family as the Administrative Assistant. She and her family relocated from Florida in December 2005 and are happy to call Greenwood their home. Janet worked as the Administrative Assistant for the Broward Sheriff's Office Chaplain in Fort Lauderdale for 7 years. Prior to the merger of the Broward Sheriff's Office with the Pompano Beach Police Department in 1999, she served as their Court Liaison Officer. She brings with her over 22 years of experience in working with faith and community based organizations and government.

Responsibilities: Administrative duties, scheduling.

Vacant, Account Clerk

Responsibilities: Fiscal and Compliance Support